GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ACUTE UNBEARABLE UNEMPLOYMENT
SUDHA YADAV

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government employees` dependant unemployed sons aged more than 25 years of age are not covered under the CGHS;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is fact that there is acute unemployment problem in the country;

(d) whether in view of Government`s policy of `Health for All` the Government would review its earlier decision and provide CGHS facilities to the dependants children of above the age of 25 years; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) No, Sir. At present dependent unemployed sons aged more than 25 years are also covered under CGHS in view of the stay order of the Hon`ble High Court of Delhi on 22.9.97 in Civil Miscellaneous Petition NO. 115/97 in Civil Writ Petition No.2542 of 1996.

(b) The age limit for dependent sons was fixed earlier vide Dept. of Health`s O.M. No. B-12014/7/92-CGHS (P) dated 31.12.93 Further, vide Dept. of Health`s O.M. NO.4-24/96-C&P/CGHS/CGHS (P) dated 17.9.99, the upper age limit of 25 years for dependen sons was removed in accordance with the stay order granted by the Hon`ble Court of Delhi on 22.9.97 in Civil Miscellaneous Petition No.115/97 in Civil Writ Petition No.2542 of 1996.

(c) As per NSS 55th round survey, unemployment rate (unemployed as a percentage of labour force) is 2.23%.

(d) & (e) The matter relating to removal of the age limit of 25 years for dependent sons of CGHS beneficiaries is sub-judice and therefore it will not be possible for the Govt. to review the decision at this stage.